<u>EXHIBIT</u>

1. (Currently Amended) A system for providing PBX-integrated unified messaging services on a wide-area network, comprising:

one or more a corporate communication platforms, each of said one or more corporate communication platforms coupled to a switched backbone, integrated with a PBX via a PBX interface, and comprising a slave message mailbox cache; and

a plurality of system communication platforms coupled to said switched backbone, wherein one such system communication platform comprises a master message mailbox, wherein said slave message mailbox cache is bi-directionally synchronized in real-time with said master message mailbox such that all changes to said slave message mailbox are reported immediately to said one such system communication platform, and at least some changes to all messages in said master message mailbox that are associated with said corporate communication platform are reported immediately to the corporate communication platform comprising said slave message mailbox cache, and changes to all messages in said master message mailbox that are not associated with said corporate communication platform are not reported to the corporate communication platform comprising said slave message mailbox cache, each of said one or more corporate communication platforms assigned to one of said plurality of system communication platforms, each of said plurality of system communication platforms assigned to zero or more of said one or more corporate communication platforms.